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CANWARN

This year's Canwarn training program was attended by 15 amateurs, and 3 non amateurs. Serge had planned on invited the media this year, but do to schedule changes, he didn't have time. Its always a great refresher course



Environment Canada's Serge Besner giving his talk to LARC members - photo courtesy of Mike Wolowich VE3HZW

that Serge puts on before our season starts... I would like to thank all those who attended, as this is very important for us to show our continued interest in working with Environment Canada.

John Sacek
VA3JMS - Canwarn Co-ordinator

Thunder Bay ARES

First a big Thank You to everyone who checked in on the exercise on Saturday. A few couldn't stay, but just to check in provides valuable info to ARES. Thanks to everyone who participated. We had 15 check-ins on the net, and attempted a few different digital modes to exchange messages and learned something from that. I worked on the phone tree implementation and we practised the phone out, and some bugs got worked out with that as well.

73,

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP
for Brad Harris VE3MXJ EC

Special North East Ontario Regional Directors Report



Finally after a two year wait from Industry Canada they have Gazetted the request from Radio Amateurs of Canada for access to 60M.

Here is the link to the gazette item:

<http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2012/2012-05-12/html/notice-avis-eng.html#d108>

This has been a long hard go and has taken a lot of time and effort on the part of Radio Amateurs of Canada on behalf of all Canadian Amateurs.

I would encourage you all to submit a positive comment on this proposal in the format required.

Watch for an official RAC bulletin on this very shortly with further analysis.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada



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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Tuesday 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM (usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

May 2012 Treasurers Report

Balance May 01 2012 \$328.75

Income

Dues \$35.00

Total Income \$35.00

Expenses

May 01 RAC affiliation fee \$28.25

May 01 Hymers Fall Fair Call \$60.00

May 01 Office supplies \$30.11

May 10 Tbaytel YQT \$47.96

May 10 Tbaytel Trailer cell \$85.32

May 31 Service charges \$1.50

Total Expenses \$253.14

Balance May 31 2012 \$110.61

Trailer Account

Previous Balance \$784.25

Income

May 31 2012 Interest \$0.07

Total \$784.32

Expenses

Nil

Total Expenses: \$0.00

Balance in Trailer Account \$784.32

Term Account

Balance May 01 2012 \$3,017.55

Interest May 07 2012 \$0.99

Balance May 31 2012 \$3,018.54

Paul Curtin VA3PDC

Treasurer

4 Sale

35M amp astron power supply

Super Antenna QRP

Hygain vertical

6 a power supplies

kenwood powersupply

Contact Wayne Letang VA3WRL

wletang@tbaytel.net

Like QRP?

<http://qrper.com/>

4 Sale

Astron RS-35 M 35-amp 12VDC Power
Supply

Mirage B2516G 2M amplifier 25W in and
160W out

NRD 535 comm receiver 200kHz - 32MHz.

Larsen 5/8 glass mount antenna

Contact Dave Kimpton VE3AVS

mcferran@tbaytel.net

Lutsen 99 bicycle race - Volunteers Needed South of the Border

We have been asked to provide communications for the Lutsen 99 bicycle race on June 23. This race is two races in one - a 99 mile race and a 39 mile race run concurrently. This should be a pretty simple detail with a max time of about 12 hours. If you would like more info regarding the race in general, that can be found at:

<http://www.lutsen99er.com/>

Please let me know asap if you can help.

Thanks!!

Rick email RickJo@blackspruce.com>

The Three XT's

I usually subscribe to the philosophy of "What happens in Dayton stays in Dayton" but I am going to relate this story to you.

In the last trip I spent most of my time at the Radio Amateurs of Canada booth talking to the many Canadian Amateurs that make the pilgrimage to the Hamfest. We had most of the provinces represented and every RAC member who said hello received a car window sticker to show our appreciation for being a member. The other big advantage of staying close to the RAC booth was that you weren't tempted to buy the exact thing you don't need! It's a lot cheaper to stay in the booth.

I did however make a few forays into the outside flea market to see what was available. On one of them I was walking up and down the aisles and noticed John, KC9XT making a sale to another Amateur. I have never seen or talked to another "XT" so I stopped to say hello and introduced myself. John said hello and informed me that it's my lucky day as well because the fellow who had his back to me and was buying something from him was Gary, W9XT. I am not a statistician but I am pretty sure the odds on this one are pretty long.

Here is the photographic proof and if you look carefully at the name tags you will see we are all XT's.



North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for June, 2012



The major topic discussed at the last Board of Directors meeting was the implementation of the new eTCA. I would encourage you to check it out at the RAC web pages. You are required to log in and then the eTCA is available to you. Let me know what you think of it. I have just returned from Dayton and it was great to see so many Canadian Amateurs stop by the RAC booth and say hello. Look for us again next year and consider volunteering to do a stint at the booth.

We are still looking for some help at RAC. If you have a professional certification as a CA, CGA or CMA we would be interested in talking to you. The Treasure's position would not involve the day to day business of RAC as the existing office staff performs that job, but rather an overview position to ensure we continue to get it right. As well we are still in the hunt for a President and Co-ordinator of Philanthropy.

Also from the Help Wanted category we are still looking for individuals to fill the Section Managers positions for South Ontario and the GTA area.

As mentioned in my last Directors Report I met with the Belleville ARC via a Skype teleconference. If you are interested in trying this with your club please let me know.

Later in the month I will be going to Ottawa to be part of the meetings with Industry Canada as part of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board. We will be forwarding our comments on 60M at that time. If you have any concerns that you think we should bring up please contact me. Also as part of this trip I will be attending the Spectrum 2020 forums as part of the Radio Advisory Board. This Board is composed of the major users of RF Spectrum including CBC, RCMP and 2 way radio users. Again RAC will be there to represent Canadian Amateurs and to protect our spectrum allotments.

I also want to congratulate Dr. Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC of Kingston as being honored as Canadian Amateur of the Year. See the May and June TCA for the full story.

May 31st is the deadline for comments on Distracted Driving legislation in Ontario. Your committee has submitted its final comments stating we are pleased with the proposed 5 year extension and will continue to work with MTO for a permanent exemption. All of us would like to thank Amateurs across the province who submitted letters of support from many organizations, NGO's and other groups.

Now putting on my Rick Mercer wannabe hat "if you find yourself in Kenora on July 27 to 29 be sure to attend the Camp 807 event at Anicinabe Park". The talk in is VE3YQK on 146.91(-), and for more info contact John, VE3JJH at ve3jjh@rac.ca

If your club is doing something this summer let me know and I will try to give it mention here.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca

Bill VE3XT

North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada

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TURN IN SEPTEMBER AND ANY SPECIAL
BULLETINS WILL BE EMAILED DURING JULY AND
AUGUST

LARC Meeting Minutes
For May 10th, 2012

Hello Everyone

Warm days are upon us and the outlook is good sailing. There have been some new projects happening in town with new repeater site being activated and progress towards the new controller at YQT.

With the upcoming elections in September, I ask everyone to take some time to consider a position on the executive for the next year. The reason that this is coming to the forefront is that after steering the ship for the past few years, I will be stepping down as President. I feel that some new ideas and fresh thinking may spark further growth in the club. I have been toying with the idea of position and would like to pursue that avenue. So I will be looking for some help to guide and pick a new leader come September.

I have enjoyed working with the club and all of the members. I have formed some very strong bonds with other executive members and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you. You are the heart and soul of this club and should be very proud of what we have done together. Special thanks go out to the Hi Q editors that get the monthly newsletters out and keep us connected, even at great distances. Also thanks to all the members that run or organize the events that we attend and work at. Without that commitment, our city events might suffer a fate that just might have some of the great events cancelled. We work well as a team and I hope that the high level of commitment continues. A great big thank you go out to the group that keep our repeaters running and take of their own time to respond to problems and get things fixed. The others in the group that spend countless hours digging around web sites and finding the newest forms of comms and bring them to life are to be praised for upholding the true nature of the hobby. I am sure that I could on and on but I would hate to miss anyone. So please accept a big THANKS to all of you, my friends.

May your summer be filled with fun and please be safe as I would like to see you all in September.

Thanks to all

Randy

VA3OJ

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM, President Randy Gottfred VA3OJ presiding.

1. Treasurers Report: Paul Curtin VA3PDC.

A motion to accept the treasurers report as published in HI Q was made by Paul Curtin VA3PDC. The motion was seconded by Brad Harris VE3MXJ. The motion Passed.

2. Meeting Minutes: Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD

A motion to accept the meeting minutes as published in HI Q was made by Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD. The motion was seconded by Pat Pugh. The motion passed.

3. Public Service: Norman Bell VE3XRC

- 10 mile road race: looking for one more volunteer.

- Thunder Bay Marathon: date to be in mid september. Volunteers are still needed register online.

- Spring Ham Run: Radio group in Grand Marais is looking for volunteers. Contact Randy or Rick for detail.

4. CANWARN: John Sacek VE3JMS

Training June 4th 2012 confederation college room 196 McIntyre building at 7 PM

5: Repeater news:

- New repeater at the old hillcrest school "we have the exclusive rights to the location there will possibly be an IRLP node put on it.

147.390 + PL 107.2 Hz

442.825 +

- A motion is on the table from the march 2012 meeting to remove the auto patch from VE3YQT.

The motion is now as follows:

Terry Stewardson VA3LU motioned to discontinue the patch at the earliest convenience (on YQT).

The motion was seconded by Lori Bedford VE3VAI.
The motion passed.

6. RAC report: Bill Unger VE3XT

- A 5 year extension to the detracted driving exception has been proposed by the MTO.

- Bill will contact "Len" in regards to the club affiliation with RAC.

7. ARES: Brad Harris VE3 MXJ

- suggests that any person wishing to provide emergency assistance take the IMS 100 course.

- An ARES executive meeting will be taking place soon.

8. Hymers

- VX3FAIR callsign has been approved for the use at the fair.

- A budget of \$300 has been suggested for the event.

\$50 for fuel

\$10 for a gate pass

\$30 for Electrical service

\$50 for the location

Remainder could be used for water and other supplies. Bill Unger VE3XT moves to not exceed a budget of \$300 for the Hymers fair. The motion was seconded by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP. The motion passed.

9. Trailer Report: Bob Hansen VE3RVA

New LED break lights will be purchased and installed. Also some screens will be replaced.

10. A moment of silence.

A moment of silence was observed for Keith Fiske VE3JQ.

11. Field day

Last full weekend in June

12. New business:

Doug McCormak requests that membership information and forms be included in HI Q.

Manitoba Ham Radio museum hamfest August 10th and 11th

de VE3JTD

Field Day
June 23rd and 24th

Info will be sent out after the
June meeting

...stay tuned

Happy
Birthday
CANADA

June 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5 Transit of Venus	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 LARC Meet- ing at Confed- eration College	15	16	17
18	19	20 Summer Solstice @ 1909	21	22	23 <i>SEE YOU AT FIELD DAY</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	 <i>Happy Canada Day!</i>